

7.2.4 For flights in defined portions of airspace where, based on Regional Air Navigation Agreement, a reduced vertical separation minimum (RVSM) of 300 m (1 000 ft) is applied between FL 290 and FL 410 inclusive, an aeroplane:

- a) shall be provided with equipment which is capable of:
 - 1) indicating to the flight crew the flight level being flown;
 - 2) automatically maintaining a selected flight level;
 - 3) providing an alert to the flight crew when a deviation occurs from the selected flight level. The threshold for the alert shall not exceed ± 90 m (300 ft); and
 - 4) automatically reporting pressure-altitude;
- b) shall be authorized by the State of the Operator for operation in the airspace concerned; and
- c) shall demonstrate a vertical navigation performance in accordance with Appendix 4.

7.2.5 Prior to granting the RVSM approval required in accordance with 7.2.4 b), the State shall be satisfied that:

- a) the vertical navigation performance capability of the aeroplane satisfies the requirements specified in Appendix 4;
- b) the operator has instituted appropriate procedures in respect of continued airworthiness (maintenance and repair practices and programmes; and
- c) the operator has instituted appropriate flight crew procedures for operations in RVSM airspace.

Note.— An RVSM approval is valid globally on the understanding that any operating procedures specific to a given region will be stated in the operations manual or appropriate crew guidance.

7.2.6 The State of the Operator, in consultation with the State of Registry if appropriate, shall ensure that, in respect of those aeroplanes mentioned in 7.2.4, adequate provisions exist for:

- a) receiving the reports of height-keeping performance issued by the monitoring agencies established in accordance with Annex 11, 3.3.4.1; and
- b) taking immediate corrective action for individual aircraft, or aircraft type groups, identified in such reports as not complying with the height-keeping requirements for operation in airspace where RVSM is applied.

7.2.7 The State of the Operator that has issued an RVSM approval to an operator shall establish a requirement which ensures that a minimum of two aeroplanes of each aircraft type grouping of the operator have their height-keeping performance monitored, at least once every two years or within intervals of 1 000 flight hours per aeroplane, whichever period is longer. If an operator aircraft type grouping consists of a single aeroplane, monitoring of that aeroplane shall be accomplished within the specified period.

Note.— Monitoring data from any regional monitoring programme established in accordance with Annex 11, 3.3.5.2, may be used to satisfy the requirement.

7.2.8 All States that are responsible for airspace where RVSM has been implemented, or that have issued RVSM approvals to operators within their State, shall establish provisions and procedures which ensure that appropriate action will be taken in respect of aircraft and operators found to be operating in RVSM airspace without a valid RVSM approval.

Note 1.— These provisions and procedures need to address both the situation where the aircraft in question is operating without approval in the airspace of the State, and the situation where an operator for which the State has regulatory oversight responsibility is found to be operating without the required approval in the airspace of another State.

Note 2.— Guidance material relating to the approval for operation in RVSM airspace is contained in the Manual on Implementation of a 300 m (1 000 ft) Vertical Separation Minimum Between FL 290 and FL 410 Inclusive (Doc 9574).

7.2.9 The aeroplane shall be sufficiently provided with navigation equipment to ensure that, in the event of the failure of one item of equipment at any stage of the flight, the remaining equipment will enable the aeroplane to navigate in accordance with 7.2.1 and, where applicable, 7.2.2, 7.2.3 and 7.2.4.

Note.— Guidance material relating to aircraft equipment necessary for flight in airspace where RVSM is applied is contained in the Manual on Implementation of a 300 m (1 000 ft) Vertical Separation Minimum Between FL 290 and FL 410 Inclusive (Doc 9574).

7.2.10 On flights in which it is intended to land in instrument meteorological conditions, an aeroplane shall be provided with radio equipment capable of receiving signals providing guidance to a point from which a visual landing can be effected. This equipment shall be capable of providing such guidance for each aerodrome at which it is intended to land in instrument meteorological conditions and for any designated alternate aerodromes.

7.3 Installation

The equipment installation shall be such that the failure of any single unit required for either communications or navigation purposes or both will not result in the failure of another unit required for communications or navigation purposes.